

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 5, 2023

Supervisors – **Keith Harter**
Deborah Zimmerman
James Heckman

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Staff – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**

Guests – **See Attached List**

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the April 5, 2023, monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Harter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of March 1, 2023, Minutes: Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items:

- Fred Henry, Surveyor presented the plan for the Dan Mattern Family Irrevocable Trust – CCPCDO #134-22. Supervisor Harter made a motion to send the Municipal Response Request to the County with no comment; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to sign the Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Fee-in-Lieu recommendation of no assessment owed as it was previously paid; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Tony Fruchtl with Penn Terra Engineering asked the Board for approval and signature for the following plans:
 1. Shady Farm Lane Development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the MOU; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
 2. S&A 5-Lot Subdivision (Walizer Rd) – CCPCDO #38-21 Final Plan. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to sign the plan; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
 3. Deerhaven Phase 3B – CCPCDO 35-22. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Surety Agreement; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to sign the plan; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Warren Miller, Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) discussed the 537 Plan. He told the Board the plan will need to include a schedule for the Septic Management Plan. After the 537 Plan is approved, an Ordinance will need to be adopted.

6:30pm Bids were opened for the 2023 Road Project – Benner Rd – T-463

1. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc - \$194,653.00

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to award the 2023 Road Project for Benner Rd to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. pending Engineer Review; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Sign-in Sheet:

- Chris Harter, President of Walker Township Fire Company, gave the Board their 1st Quarter Report as requested in the Fire Agreement for the Fire Company.
- Denny McDowell, SBWJA, inquired if the Board has considered their request made last year regarding funding from the American Rescue Funds to help with their projects. Supervisor Zimmerman explained when the Stormwater Projects from 2022 are completed, the Board will discuss what to do with the remaining funds.
- A Township Resident is requesting the property owners using his property for ingress and egress physical address be changed to Wise Rd. A letter will be sent to the property owners notifying them this request will be on the May Agenda.

Engineer's Report:

- Solicitor Miller received the plan showing the land off Cemetery Lane to be vacated back to its property owners Jane Clevenstine and Shady Farm Lane. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion for Solicitor Miller to advertise that a Public Hearing will be held at 5:45 pm on May 3rd to discuss vacating the land and notify the landowners; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter changed the order of the agenda. At 7:03pm the Board recessed for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

The Board Reconvened at 8:13pm

Solicitor Report:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion for Solicitor Miller to advertise a Public Hearing on May 23rd at 6:00pm to discuss a proposed Solar Energy System Ordinance; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Ordinance 217 amending the Zoning Map by rezoning Centre County Tax Parcel No. 14-011-045, Tax Parcel No. 14-011-045A and Tax Parcel No. 14-011-047 from the Urban Residential District to the General Commercial District; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The proposed Franchise Agreement Renewal from Zito Media was reviewed. Solicitor Miller will let Zito know of the changes the Board would like in the Agreement.

ZONING:

- There were 7 Zoning Permits and 3 Road Encroachment Permits issued for March, 2023.

ROADMASTER:

Supervisor Harter made a motion to Amend the Agenda to discuss pipe replacements on Blue Ball Road; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to proceed with replacing the pipes on Blue Ball Rd at an estimated cost of \$7,000 and having the roadcrew do the work; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Road Crew have started broom sweeping the roads, cold patching and Spring startup maintenance.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to put out to bid on Municibid the Ford 1999 FL60 and open bids at the May meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Township resident asked if the Hoy Road curbing and signs on Rodgers Rd be looked at.
- A request from a Township resident was received to remove the dead trees along on Rt. 64 from the Snyderstown Rd/Hublersburg Rd Intersection to Rt 445 (Pike Rd). The concern will be reported to PennDot.

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to allow Nittany Valley Little League to paint the dugouts and concession stand gray with blue trim, motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the Bellefonte Soccer Association Facility Use Agreement; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the resignation of Lance King from the Parks and Rec Board; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Parks and Rec Board would like to change the number of its Board members from nine to seven. Solicitor Miller will prepare and Ordinance to be adopted at the May meeting.
- The Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 8th at 1:00pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to purchase a laptop for the Office; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Discussion was held regarding replacing new chairs for the Board room and replacing the ceiling panels.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the March 2023 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$51,018.25 and March Treasurers Report; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner

MEETING
April 5, 2023

PLEASE PRINT - NAME

Chris HARDER ✓

Dennis McDowell ✓

Frank M^cNeal ✓

Tom Little ✓

Tim MEYER ✓

Joe STRUCK ✓

TONY FRUCHT ✓

Zane Sherman ✓

Leroy Vonack ✓

Warren Miller ✓ SBWSA

Jeffrey L. Seymour ✓

Dennis WITZNER ✓

Fred Henry ✓

Rod Beard ✓